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As per my telephone conversation with Examiner Milef last week, attached please find a second renewed petition to claim priority for Application No. 10/669,883.

As mentioned, there is an outstanding Office Action pending in this case. In a recent telephone interview with Examiner Forman, all substantive issues were resolved. If possible, Applicant respectfully requests a decision on this petition before March 28, 2007, and more preferably as soon as possible, so that the Applicant has sufficient time to prepare and file a substantive Response to the Office Action before the final deadline.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-248-4054. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Stacy L. Blasberg

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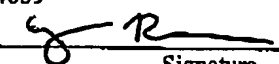
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Title: FABRICATION AND PACKAGING OF SUSPENDED
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Sir:

PETITION TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The above-referenced application was filed on September 23, 2003, without a priority claim. Applicant submitted a Petition to Claim Priority under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 on July 20, 2005. The July 2005 Petition was accompanied by an Amendment and the petition fee of \$1370.00 set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(t) for an unintentionally delayed claim of priority. The Petitions Examiner dismissed the petition on March 16, 2006, stating that the petition did not comply with the formalities listed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6). The Examiner stated that the Applicant may submit a renewed petition and a substitute amendment.

Applicant submitted a renewed petition under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 on November 21, 2006. The Examiner dismissed the renewed petition on January 3, 2007. The Examiner stated that although the petition complies with the requirements for a grantable petition, Applicant must include an explanation for the lengthy delay between the mail date of the March 16, 2006 Decision and the filing of the renewed petition on November 21, 2006.

Applicant hereby submits this second renewed petition under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Application No. 10/336,549,

filed on January 2, 2003, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/405,185, filed on August 20, 2002.

Applicant submits that the entire delay between the date the priority claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date of this petition was unintentional. Applicant submitted the present application on September 23, 2003. On March 31, 2005, the PTO issued the first substantive Office Action. In that Action, Examiner Forman cited Manalis (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0038426, filed January 2, 2003) as a reference. Through the course of working with the Applicant to draft a Response, the undersigned learned that a different and separate law firm filed a related Manalis application, one which the present application should have claimed priority to. On July 20, 2005, Applicant submitted a Petition to Claim Priority.

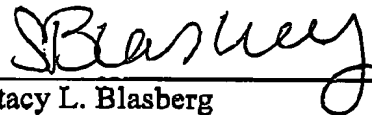
Examiner Milef dismissed the Petition to Claim Priority on March 16, 2006. However, Applicant never received the Decision. The prosecution file does not contain the Decision, nor can the undersigned find any docket entry within CPi (Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP's Patent Department electronic docketing system) evidencing receipt of the Decision. Furthermore, Applicant received a second substantive Office Action, mailed after the March 16, 2006 Decision, in which Examiner Forman stated "Applicant state that a petition has been filed to claim priority to the Manalis reference thereby removing the reference as prior art. The petition has been received by the office, but has not been reviewed." See Office Action mailed 3/21/2006 at pages 9-10. Applicant responded to the substantive Office Action on July 26, 2006. Applicant was unaware that any decision was rendered on the Petition to Claim Priority until Applicant received the following Office Action, mailed September 28, 2006. See Office Action mailed 9/23/2006 at page 4 ("Applicant states that a petition to claim priority was submitted July 20, 2005. The petition has been reviewed and dismissed 16 March 2006."). The undersigned retrieved the Decision from PAIR.

As stated above, Applicant submitted a renewed Petition to Claim Priority on November 21, 2006, which was again dismissed on January 3, 2007. The January 3, 2007 Decision requested the additional information provided above, to support the statement of unintentional delay. A substitute Amendment is submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that this second renewed Petition to Claim Priority complies with the rules set forth under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 and requests that this second renewed Petition is granted.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,



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